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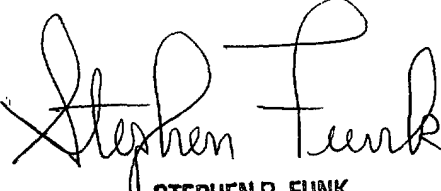
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The reply brief filed January 27, 2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. With respect to only the grouping of the claims, the examiner agrees that not ALL claims stand or fall together, only the claims within a particular grouping.


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